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1. ACT ADVISES REPLACEMENT OF "MATCHMAKER" WITH CONTEMPORARY PLAY NOT POSSIBLE. AS COMPANION TO DESIRE, DIRECTOR BALL OFFERING SAROYAN'S "TIME OF YOUR LIFE". AS A PAIR, TWO PLAYS GIVE A.C.T. ARTISTIC BALANCE BALL CONSIDERS IMPORTANT. SINCE SAROYAN PLAY RECOMMENDED BY EMB (PARA 5, REFTEL D), DEPT FEELS THIS IS BEST CHOICE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AND USIA CONCURS ON SELECTION OF PLAY. ON THIS BASIS, EMB AUTHORIZED SEEK MINCULT'S ACCEPTANCE SAROYAN PLAY ASAP. ASSUME EMB HAS COPY OF PLAY.

2. AS INDICATED REFTEL B, FOUR WEEK TOUR OF ACT POSTPONED

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UNTIL SPRING 1976 OR O/A MAY 22, 1976. IF, IN FACT, SOVS ACCEPT SAROYAN PLAY, A.C.T. READY INCLUDE IN ITS 1975-76 REPERTORY. WITH ACCEPTANCE OF PLAY, SOVS MAY WISH POSTPONE OR EVEN WAIVE REVIEW. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD LIKE

PLAN ADVANCE TEAM VISIT AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF PLAY AND
POSSIBLY SOMETIME DURING SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1975.
APPRECIATE EMB VIEWS. INGERSOLL

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